

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 2, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 2, delete "or 6".

Please add new Claims 13-16 as follows:

--13. A surface inspection apparatus described in claim 2, characterized in that the size of an opening of said slit is changeable.

14. A surface inspection apparatus described in claim 2, characterized in that said light detection means comprises calculation means for converting the light quantity of the light having passed through said slit on the basis of a light quantity detected when a standard sample is used as said object to be measured.

15. A surface inspection apparatus described in claim 3, characterized in that said light detection means comprises calculation means for converting the light quantity of the light having passed through said slit on the basis of a light quantity detected when a standard sample is used as said object to be measured.

16. A surface inspection method described in claim 6, characterized in that the light quantity of said received light is converted on the basis of a light quantity detected when a standard sample is used as said object to be measured.--

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please insert the following new Abstract:

--Apparatus for inspecting a surface of an object to be measured. The light source applies light to the surface. An objective lens opposite the surface receives reflected light. A